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re: My August 21, 2002 letter re: 3809, U-69380, Ut-023 in answer to your letter of August 8, 2002.

Greetings,

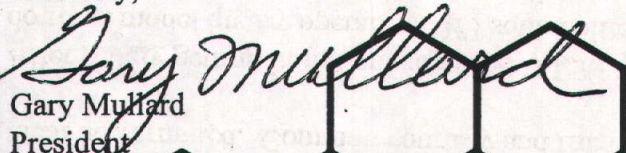
I am deeply disappointed by the way the communication has bogged down after 10 years of wrangling with the B.L.M. over nit picking details, false and unwarranted charges at our Turquoise Stone Quarry. I thought we were on the right track after so many meetings and fights. I have explained time and time again that the unnecessary harassment and non action has cost my company a few hundred thousand dollars due to delays and legal costs. The delays and harassment have blocked our ability to implement market programs that we need in order to bring our Turquoise Stone Quarry into a profitable position. Here we sit with a million dollar crushing plant that we need to desperately move to the new location and after almost two years, we are still stonewalled on this very simple and straight forward request that has zero environmental implications.

Mike Ford, your Geologist has been nothing more than a loose cannon creating havoc, bitterness and ill feelings against the entire B.L.M. organization. In general the mining industry does not deserve this. It is not a productive way to conduct a tax supported public service government agency. Most of the charges meted out have been false and all of them unwarranted. Common courtesy and friendly business-like approach always goes a long way to get the job done.

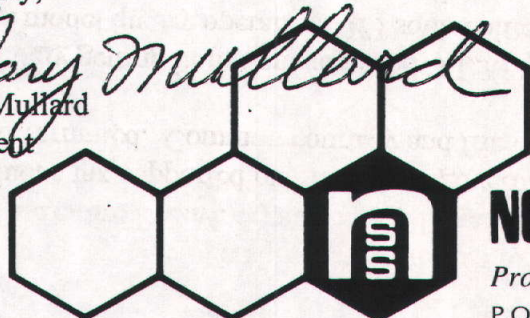
After finally getting important state and B.L.M. personnel to view our operation late this summer, you realize that we do run a model quarry operation. If I sound bitter after 10 years of unnecessary harassment, yes I am. The B.L.M. gives us a 30 day ultimatum to reply to all communication or loose our rights. The B.L.M. then takes their sweet time with action and answers. My reply to your last letter was sent on August 21, 2002 and almost 3 months later I have no answer. On top of all of this the B.L.M. has illegally withheld our valid patent application for over 10 years now, causing huge, unnecessary extra expense and delays. We must explore ways to break this unnecessary log jam if business is to survive in the face of all of the current chaos and economic turmoil.

To top all of this off, Mike Ford entered our Turquoise Stone Quarry on November 7, 2002 and cut our lock off of the upper quarry gate and left the gate wide open! You had placed a B.L.M. lock on that gate, but apparently the gate was locked in such a way that the B.L.M. lock could not be removed? Mike Ford is a no brainer with not one bit of concern or courtesy to us or anyone else that he has dealt with in our area. He has no right to go around cutting our locks and leaving gates wide open. As stated in one of my letters a couple of years ago, the B.L.M. is liable if gates are left open to invite theft and vandalism. I would appreciate a reply so that we will know what to do next.

Sincerely,


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President

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